



June 2010 Newsletter



June 2010 Arts Calendar

(An asterisk* denotes Arts Events funded by a Prairie Lakes Grant.)

***June 1 - June 10 18th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition**, featuring 106 pieces of art work from artists in the 9-county region, at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri. and Sat., 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m., (507) 625-2730.



June 1-2 Mankato East High School student works on display at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. Second Street, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

June 1-6 The art of Fred Dingler exhibit at Passion for Art, 210 N. State Street, Waseca. Gallery hours: Thur. 10-7 p.m., Fri. 10-6 p.m., Sat. 10-2 p.m. (507) 833-6061, www.pfawaseca.com

June 1-9 Bend of the River Photography Club works displayed at the Artisan Gallery at Quality 1 Hour Foto, 1235 Caledonia St., Mankato, contact (507) 345-7196 or www.quality1hrfoto.com or www.botrphotoclub.org

June 1-11 eMERGENCY photography exhibit by Ann Judkins, consists of a series of two original photographs merged together to form an artistic image. At the Eide Bailly Community Art Gallery, 1911 Excel Drive, Mankato. Open during business hours. (507) 386-6268.

*** June 1-12** WAC Permanent Collection at the Waseca Art Center, 410 N. State Street, Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartscouncil.org

***June 1-13** "The Story, so Far" Ceramics by Bill Gossman & Paul Morris exhibit in the Moline Gallery and "Image and the Word" Photography and Poetry by the Southern MN Poets Society in the Lower Level Gallery, Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Tues.-Fri.: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat.-Sun.: 1-5 p.m. Contact: info@artscentersp.org, 507-931-3630, www.artscentersp.org

***June 2-25** Works on display by LeAnna Becker of Fairmont and Cindy Smith of Terril, Iowa. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri. 1-6 p.m. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/

***June 3-Aug. 28** A 2-part Juried Photography Exhibit, at the Montgomery Arts & Heritage Center, 206 B. First Street, Montgomery. (Reception: July 22, during Kolacky Days) Hours: Thur. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 noon. (507) 364-8107

***June 4** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Betty & Ocho (folk music) at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N Minnesota St., New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or info@thegrandnewulm.com.

***June 4** One Fast Move, a string band that stretches traditional stylings, taking the best from americana, blues, bluegrass, old-time country, folk, and jazz, will perform as part of Henderson's Music on Main Street, at Toody's Sweet Treats, 417 Main Street, Henderson, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Henderson Chamber of Commerce.

June 4 Harpist, Nancy Eischen, performs for Friday evening entertainment at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222 for directions and more information.



***June 3-6** New Ulm Actors Community Theater presents "Minnesota'N'ice", at the New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German, New Ulm. 6/3, 4 & 5 at 7:30 p.m., 6/6 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at CashWise, HyVee & the New Ulm Chamber Office: \$9/Adults, \$7/ Students grades 12 and under, and seniors 65 and over. Contact (507) 354-6777.



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June 4-30 “Expressions” art show, created by clients of Lifeworks, artists with disabilities, on display at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. Second Street, Mankato. (Reception: June 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.) Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

June 4-Aug. 27 Creative Play Place will host youth activities 10-11 a.m. Fridays in Gorman Park, thru August; staff will rotate activities in movement, obstacle courses, stories, songs and creative art projects. They are located at the St. Peter Community Center, 600 S. 5th St., St. Peter. (507) 351-4284, creativeplayplace@yahoo.com

***June 5** “Haydn-Go-Seek” Family Concert , “The Bird”, String Quartet No. 32 in C major by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m., at the Mankato YMCA, 1401 S. Riverfront Drive, Mankato (507) 387-8255 or www.mankatoymca.org

June 5 Victorian Lawn Party, activities at the Betsy-Tacy houses and the Hubbard House, Lincoln park house tours, costumed characters, carriage rides. Noon-4 p.m. Betsy-Tacy House, 332 Center Street, Mankato. Open to the public. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org

***June 8** Mankato Area Community Band free concert, Leas Schwicket Arts Pavillion, Sibley Park, Mankato, 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. (507) 387-5990

June 9-12 “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” musical theater production at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Ted Paul Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20 regular admission, \$18 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$14 current MSU student with ID. MSU Box office (507) 389-6661, www.mnsu.edu/theatre/



***June 10** Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade concert, 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Park, St. James; part of the concerts in the park series sponsored by the City of St. James (This event is in conjunction with the Watonwan County Library.) www.stjames.govoffice.com or (507) 375-4370.

June 10 Outdoor Family Movie Night featuring the classic "Singing in the Rain", beginning at approximately 9 p.m. at Clear Lake Park, Waseca. In case of rain, movie night will be cancelled. Admission is FREE! Movie is sponsored by Mediacom, DJ Kozy & Waseca Music Company, City of Waseca, Waseca Public Schools Community Education and Recreation. (507) 835-5626, ext. 1125 or cecomments@waseca.k12.mn.us

June 10 New York Times Bestselling Author and Journalist, Jeannette Walls, to speak at Martin Luther College, Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, 7:00 p.m., a free event, (507) 625-6169.

June 10 Book reading/performance of “A Farm Country Christmas Eve” by the author, Gordon W. Fredrickson. The event is free and the author will have his books for sale at reduced “performance prices.” 4:00 p.m., at the Frost Library, 345 Dewey St., Frost. The event is being sponsored by the Friends of the Frost Library. (507) 878-3102.

***June 11** Well know harpist, Amy Kortuem, will perform as part of Henderson’s Music on Main Street, at Toody’s Sweet Treats, 417 Main Street, Henderson, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Henderson Chamber of Commerce.

***June 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Bockfest Boys at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N Minnesota St, New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or info@thegrandnewulm.com.

***June 11** First summer dance with Doming Gomez with his Big Band, featured vocalist Jenny Jepsen. Come and dance to swing music. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. 8-10 p.m. Pay at the door. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/

June 11 Pianist, Matt Sieberg, performs for Friday evening entertainment at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222 for directions and more information.

***June 11** Meet the Lancers Marching Band Parade and Concert, at 7 p.m., Dakota Meadows Middle School, Mankato. www.77lancers.com

***June 11-13** Interlaken Heritage Days in Fairmont. A variety of music performances will take place during the community event. (507) 238-9662

***June 12** 2nd Annual Ambassador’s Blues, one-day Blues Festival at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Noon-10 p.m. The festival is free to the public and features five family oriented blues bands. www.stpeterambassadors.com

***June 12** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Beg for Justice (folk/bluegrass/country) at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N Minnesota St, New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or info@thegrandnewulm.com.



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June 12 The AC Circuit Second Saturday, art and culture walk 1–5 p.m., a St. Peter Arts Association event. Special activities at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Avenue, contact (507) 931-3630 or info@artscentersp.org

June 14 Ceramics throwing demonstration by Bill Gossman, Clay Center, Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Free and open to the public, 12 noon. Contact: info@artscentersp.org, 507-931-3630, www.artscentersp.org

***June 15** Mankato Area Community Band free concert, Leas Schwicket Arts Pavillion, Sibley Park, Mankato, 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. (507) 387-5990

June 17 St. Peter Area Children's Theater Time at Gorman Park, St. Peter. Get interactive with the actors from SPACT! 6 p.m. For more information contact Creative Play Place, 507-351-4284, creativeplayplace@yahoo.com, www.creativeplayplace.wordpress.com.

***June 17** Schell's Hobo Band concert, 7 p.m. at Memorial Park, St. James; part of the concerts in the park series sponsored by the City of St. James. www.stjames.govoffice.com or (507) 375-4370



***June 18** Depot Creek Stringband will perform bluegrass music as part of Henderson's Music on Main Street, at Toody's Sweet Treats, 417 Main Street, Henderson, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Henderson Chamber of Commerce.

June 18 Duke Zecco performs 50's, 60's and 70's music for Friday evening entertainment at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222 for directions and more information.

June 18 Lancers Marching Band performs at the Lake Crystal Parade, 7:00 p.m. www.77lancers.com

***June 18-19** Cleveland Cherry Creek Days Celebration. A variety of free music performances will take place during the community event. (507) 931-6380

***June 18-19** "Snow White", children's theatre residency with Prairie Fire Children's Theatre, sponsored by Springfield Community Theatre. The afternoon performances will be held at Springfield School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at the door. Adults-\$4, Students-\$2. (507) 723-5117

*** June 18-July 18** "Africa-East and West" photography by Anders Bjorling & Wayne Schmidt in the Moline Gallery and VSA Student Exhibition in the Lower Level Gallery, (Receptions, June 18, 5-7 p.m.) Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Tues.-Fri.: 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat.-Sun.: 1–5 p.m. Contact: info@artscentersp.org, 507-931-3630, www.artscentersp.org

***June 19** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Weber & Babel (American finger style guitar/acoustic storying telling) at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N Minnesota St, New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or info@thegrandnewulm.com.

June 19 Art Splash, a local art fair that helps raise money for the North Mankato Library and the Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Held outdoors by the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Bellgrade Avenue. Check them out at Facebook: ArtSplash-Art-Fair-in-North-Mankato, or call Cathy Dahl at (507) 327-8350 or Nicole Fischer at (507) 382-4839.

***June 18-July 24** "Scenes of Minnesota" 2010 Juried Landscape Exhibition at the Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N., Waseca. (Reception: June 18, 7-9 p.m.) Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. (507) 835-1701, patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org or www.wasecaartscouncil.org.

***June 19-20** Blue Earth Reader Workshop production of "The Chronicles of Francis Xavier" at The Fitzgerald Theater, 110 Fifth St., Mankato, www.berworkshop.com or brworkshop@yahoo.com

June 20 Solstice, a day of music and art, at Land of Memories Park, Mankato, 12 noon-10 p.m. Enjoy live local music, art, craft and food vendors as well as kid and family activities. Tickets: \$10 at door, \$8 in advance, \$5 kids 6-12, kids 5 and under free. www.solsticemankato.com, 507-388-2506.

***June 21** Doming Gomez with his Big Band, come and dance to swing music. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. 7-9 p.m. Pay at the door. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/

June 21-26 Civic Summer Theater presents "Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, 7:30 p.m. all nights. www.fairmontoperahouse.com



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June 22 Betsy-Tacy Ice Cream Social Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Sibley Park, Mankato. Music by the Mankato Area Community Band. Open to the public. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org

June 22-26 "The Sunshine Boys" theater production at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Andreas Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$14.50 regular admission, \$13 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$10 current MSU students with ID. MSU Box office (507) 389-6661, www.mnsu.edu/theatre/

June 25 Chad Stoltenberg performs on the steel drums for Friday evening entertainment at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222 for directions and more information.

***June 25-27** "Golden Guys and Gals present: Oz-son-e Oz" a song and dance tribute to the Wizard of Oz, The Wiz and Wicked, presented by Merely Players Community Theater at Lincoln Community Center Auditorium, 110 Fulton Street, Mankato. June 25-26 at 7:30 p.m., June 27 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$15.00/Adults and \$8/Youth. Call 507-388-5483, www.merelyplayers.com, or contact the Twin Rivers Box Office to purchase tickets, 523 South Second St, Mankato, (507) 387-1008, or www.twinriversarts.org

***June 25-27** Henderson Sauerkraut Days. A variety of free music performances will take place during the community event. (507) 248-3230 or www.kraut.hendersonmn.com

***June 26** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Jim Whitman Trio (jazz) at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N Minnesota St, New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or info@thegrandnewulm.com.

***June 26** Performance by The Good Cooks Dance Company with artists expression through the mediums of music, dance and the spoken word. At the park behind Emy Frenz Art Gallery, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. goodcooksdance@gmail.com

June 27 Pianist, Lorie Line, will perform at Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$27, can be purchased at the Verizon Wireless Center box office, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, (507) 389-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com

June 27 Cambria Eisteddfod, A Celebration of the Celtic Heritage of Poetry, Song and Story. 11:30 a.m. potluck, 2:00 p.m. formal program; at Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478th Ave., New Ulm. Free Admission. Presented by Blue Earth County Historical Society, Morgan Creek Vineyards and League of Minnesota Poets. Contact (507) 345-5566 or bechsms@hickorytech.net

June 28 2010 Thunder of Drums, Drum and Bugle Corp show and competition at Hollingsworth Field, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Tickets: Reserved Seats - \$25, General Admission Section B - \$20, General Admission Section C - \$12.

***June 29** Mankato Area Community Band free concert, Leas Schwicket Arts Pavillion, Sibley Park, Mankato, 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. (507) 387-5990

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Search Facebook for 'Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council'

Look for upcoming events, grant deadlines, photos and other important information to be posted. Please feel free to "like" our page and comment on our wall!



Arts Opportunities in 2010

June 1-5 Call for Artists for the 6th annual ART SPLASH, North Mankato. To be held June 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry fee: \$20 and an item to donate for their silent auction to benefit the North Mankato Taylor Library and the Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society. Space is limited – please sign up early. Check them out at Facebook: ArtSplash-Art-Fair-in-North-Mankato, or call Cathy Dahl at (507) 327-8350 or Nicole Fischer at (507) 382-4839.

June 2 Fairmont Area Non-Profit Networking Lunch: free, informal discussion and information-sharing group; noon - 1 p.m. at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave. Fairmont. (Held the first Wednesday of each month. Participants are encouraged to bring questions, samples, and insights related to the topic of the day. Contact AmyJo Lennartson at 507-469-2217 or alennartson@mncn.org.

June 4-5 Call for Artists: Juried MN Landscape Show, at the Waseca Arts Center, 410 N. State Street. Artists may enter work that depicts Minnesota landscape June 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and June 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; \$10 entry fee per piece, \$400 in prize money plus honorable mentions. Exhibition is June 18-July 24. For Entry Form contact: (507) 835-1701, info@wasecaartscouncil.org or <http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org/homepage/contestsopportunities.html>

June 8 Fast Fundraising Facts for Fame and Fortune Workshop, join Jean Block, a popular national presenter, for energetic discussion about current and emerging topics in fundraising. 9 am – Noon, Fee: \$45 Minnesota Council of Nonprofits member/\$65 non-members. Location: Country Inn & Suites Conference Center, 1900 Premier Drive, Mankato. Register online at www.mncn.org/events.htm Contact 1-800-289-1904 or info@mncn.org

June 8 Building Better Boards Workshop. Join Jean Block, a popular national presenter, to review the what you should know, and how to improve board governance. Topics include review of a governance update, best practices including getting the right people, nominating committees, samples of job descriptions and how to use them, what to do with unproductive board members, etc. 1:30-4:30 p.m., Fee: \$45 Minnesota Council of Nonprofits member/\$65 non-members. Location: Country Inn & Suites Conference Center, 1900 Premier Drive, Mankato. Register online at www.mncn.org/events.htm Contact 1-800-289-1904 or info@mncn.org

June 14 Twin Rivers Center for the Arts Combo Nite! Join artists, arts groups, and TRCA Affiliates for ‘Arts After Hours.’ Are you new to the area? Have you found your artistic passion and now you want to get involved? Are you looking for more people to join your group or are you looking to join a group? Here is your opportunity to connect! 6:00–7:30 p.m. Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd Avenue, Mankato; (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

June 16 Part 2 of Being Empowered Workshop, Social Media: Do you twitter – or do you jitter at the thought? Facebook/Fan Page, 6:30–8:00 p.m. Bring a laptop and images to upload or a notebook to learn steps and techniques. \$20 per person (\$5.00 discount if TRCA Friend) Pre-Registration required. Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd Avenue, Mankato; (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

***June 17** Clay Center Open Studio (Community Night), 5-9 p.m. All ages, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required/\$5 recommended donation accepted. Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Contact: info@artscentersp.org, 507-931-3630, www.artscentersp.org

June 18 Mankato Area Non-Profit Networking Lunch: free, informal discussion and information-sharing group; noon - 1 p.m. at Blue Earth County Historical Society, 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato. (Held the third Friday of each month.) Participants are encouraged to bring questions, samples, and insights related to the topic of the day. Contact AmyJo Lennartson at 507-469-2217 or alennartson@mncn.org.

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You can submit Arts Calendar Information for activities happening in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca & Watonwan Counties.

Mail to Prairie Lakes Arts Council, 207 N. State Street, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093-2930, or email information to plrac@hickorytech.net.

This Newsletter will also be posted on our home page: www.plrac.org and we anticipate providing quarterly newsletters in 2010.

FREE Arts Grant Writing Workshops June & July 2010

Artists, Arts Organizations, Community Groups & Schools

Find out more about Prairie Lakes Arts Council Grant Programs: what art projects qualify, how to complete the application, the review process, and much more. New Applications will be available on our website after July 1, 2010: www.plrac.org

Tuesday June 15, 6-8:00 p.m. **Artist Fellowships \$3,000 and** **Emerging Artists \$1,000 grant**

The PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship program provides artists with financial support that enables them to further their work and their contribution to their communities. It is intended to recognize, reward, and encourage outstanding individual artists in the region. Deadline is October 1, 2010 and the fellowship is for \$3,000, for activities taking place from December 2010 to December 2011. The Emerging Artist deadline is Jan. 15, 2011.

Thursday June 17, 6-8:00 p.m. **Arts Organizations, Community Groups** **and Schools**

New grants through Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund – Next deadline is Aug. 2, 2010.

Both Workshops held at: Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Room 104, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato



**Pre-register for all
workshops by June 12th**

**Call the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts
Council office at 1-800-298-1254**

or email plrac@hickorytech.net

**207 N. State Street, Waseca, MN 56093
www.plrac.org**

The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund was established for three specific purposes:

Arts and Arts Access: to support Minnesota artists and arts organizations in creating, producing, and presenting high-quality arts activities; to overcome barriers to accessing the arts; and to instill the arts into the community and public life in this state.

Arts Education: to support life-long learning and appreciation of the arts, including support for K-12 activities that enhance but not replace school arts curriculum.

Arts and Cultural Heritage: for events and activities that represent the diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions, including folk and traditional artists and art organizations, represented in this state.

Regional Workshops covering all grant programs will be held at the following locations.

Wed. June 16, noon–1:30 p.m.

Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave.

Tues. June 22, noon–1:30 p.m.

Wanda Gag House, 226 N. Washington, New Ulm

Wed. June 23, noon–1:30 p.m.

Red Rock Center for the Arts
222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont

Thurs. June 24, 5-7:00 p.m.

Arts & Heritage Center, 206 B. First St., Montgomery

Tues. June 29, 6-8:00 p.m.

Watsonwan County Library, 125 5th St. S., St. James

Wed. June 30, 6-8:00 p.m.

Henderson Library, 110 S. 6th Street

Wed. July 7, noon–1:30 p.m.

Waseca Arts Center, 410 N. State Street

Arts Centers, Galleries and Classes

Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First Street, Montgomery. Various events and monthly exhibits on display. Contact for hours (507) 364-8107.

Art Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Avenue. Monthly exhibits, an extensive variety of children, youth, and adult art classes and clay classes are offered at www.artscentersp.org/classes. Contact (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org or claycenter@artscentersp.org. Registration for all Arts Center and Clay Center classes is through St. Peter Community Education, 500 S. Fifth Street, www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or (507) 934-3048.

Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri. and Sat., 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m. (507) 625-2730.

Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, Madison Avenue Mall, Mankato. Come to Madison East to explore The Amazing Castle now through May 9th. The museum is open for The Amazing Castle traveling exhibit: on Wed. from 9 a.m.-12 noon, Fri. 4-7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun. 12 noon-4 p.m. Family memberships start at \$35. Contact Peter Olson, 507-995-2242, peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

Conkling Art Gallery, 139 Nelson Hall, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Monthly exhibits are on display. Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/>

Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Avenue, Gustavus Adolphus, College, St. Peter. Events are free and open to the public. Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, 1-5 p.m. weekends. (507) 933-7200 or <http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/index.html>

Lifeworks Visual Arts Studio, 1806 Commerce Drive, North Mankato. Art Opportunities for people with developmental and physical disabilities. Contact Kristi or Carrie at (507) 625-7522.

Mankato Community Education will offer a variety of ARTS Classes in 2010 You can view the Program Guide at www.mankatocer.com and look under "Adult Enrichment", or call (507) 387-5501. Classes are held at Lincoln Community Center, Mankato East H.S., or the Emy Frenz Arts Guild.

Passion for ART, 210 North State Street, Waseca. Fun & Free Thursdays: 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, meet local artist and learn new techniques, 2-6 p.m. (507) 833-6061, passion4art@deskmedia.com or www.pfawaseca.com

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont; Hours: T, Th, F, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Wed. 1-6 p.m. or call to set up an appointment. Each Tuesday is Lunch with the Arts: Noon-12:45 p.m. "Come & Go", enjoy various types of artistic performers, bring your lunch and relax in a beautiful setting. (507) 235-9262 or www.martincountypreservation.org. 6/1 Heart Song-Doug and Judy Peterson, 6/8 TBA, 6/15 TBA, 6/22 TBA, 6/29 TBA.

Stones Throw Gallery, 420 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter, (507) 934-5655. Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and by appointment. Features the work of many local artists. To browse individual artists' work and learn more about the artists and the Gallery, go to www.stonethrowgallery.org/

The 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. Monthly exhibits, Hours: Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. the410project@yahoo.com

The School of Art, Gallery and Instruction, 329 North Broad Street, Mankato (at the Wesley Building). New facility with gallery space, studio space and classes. A variety of art classes for youth are offered, call for details (507) 227-3708 or (507) 380-7947.

Twin Rivers Center for the Arts in the Emy Frenz Guild Building, 523 South Second Street, Mankato. Artist studios, gallery space, and new Ticket Box Office for arts events in Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Thur. 1-7 p.m. Contact (507) 387-1008, info@twinriversarts.org or www.twinriversarts.org Link to www.greatermankatoevents.com

Waseca Art Center, 401 N. State Street, Waseca. Monthly exhibits, Wednesday Group Meetings: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Drawing & Painting; and 11-11:45 a.m. Art Appreciation Discussion. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. (507) 835-1701, patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org or www.wasecaartscouncil.org.

Chamber of Commerce & City Websites By County

Several Chambers of Commerce and Cities in our region have community and arts calendars on their websites. Individuals can become more connected and aware of events by referring to these websites. Organizations and groups may also be able to list their events. Please contact them for more details.

Blue Earth County

Greater Mankato Area: www.greatermankatoevents.com

Lake Crystal Chamber of Commerce:
www.lakecrystalchamber.com

Brown County

New Ulm Chamber of Commerce: www.newulm.com
(click on Chamber of Commerce)

Sleepy Eye Chamber of Commerce:

www.sleepyeyechamber.com

Springfield Chamber of Commerce:

www.springfieldmnchamber.org

Faibault County

Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce:

www.blueearthchamber.com

Wells calendar: www.wells.govoffice.com

Winnebago calendar: www.winnebago.govoffice.com

LeSueur County

Elysian calendar: www.elysianmn.com

LeCenter calendar: www.cityoflecenter.com

LeSueur Chamber of Commerce:

www.lesueurchamber.org

New Prague Chamber of Commerce:

www.newprague.com

Waterville Chamber of Commerce:

www.watervillemn.com

Martin County

Fairmont Chamber of Commerce:

www.fairmont.org/chamber/home.htm

Nicollet County

Nicollet Chamber of Commerce: www.nicollet.org

St. Peter Chamber of Commerce:

www.tourism.st-peter.mn.us

Sibley County

Arlington Community Bulletin Board:

www.arlingtonmn.com

Henderson Chamber of Commerce:

www.hendersonmn.com/chamber/index.php

Waseca County

Janesville calendar: www.janesville.govoffice.com

Waseca Area Tourism & Visitors Bureau:

www.discoverwaseca.com

Waseca Chamber of Commerce:

www.wasecachamber.com

Watsonwan County

Madelia calendar: www.madeliamn.com

St. James Chamber of Commerce:

www.stjameschamberofcommerce.com

2010-2011 GRANT DEADLINES

Arts-In-Education &

Small Arts Project - \$500

The deadlines are July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, or until funds are exhausted.

Arts and Cultural

Heritage Grant

August 2, 2010 Deadline

August 26, 2010 Review

February 1, 2011 Deadline

Art Project Grant

September 2, 2010 Deadline

September 23, 2010 Review

Youth Scholarship Grant

October 1, 2010 Deadline

October 28, 2010 Review

PLRAC/McKnight

Fellowship Grant - \$3,000

October 1, 2010 Deadline

November 18, 2010 Review

PLRAC/McKnight

Emerging Artist Grant -

\$1,000 each

Total \$9,000 available.

Letter of Intent Deadline

January 15, 2011

Application Deadline

February 1, 2011

February 24, 2011 Review

All new Grant Applications will be available after July 1, 2010 on our website www.plrac.org as both a Word document and a PDF file. If you prefer to receive a copy in the mail please contact our office at 1-800-298-1254.

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council serves a nine-county area including Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watsonwan Counties.